

ORDER

Under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1), a district court may award fees to a successful Social Security benefits claimant’s lawyer for his representation before the court. (“Whenever a court renders a judgment favorable to a claimant ... who was represented before the court by an attorney, the court may determine and allow as part of its judgment a reasonable fee for such representation,

² Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Kilolo Kijakazi should be substituted, therefore, for Andrew Saul as the defendant in this suit. No further action need be taken to continue this suit by reason of the last sentence of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

not in excess of 25 percent of the total of the past-due benefits to which the claimant is entitled by reason of such judgment[.]”). The Court has reviewed the Plaintiff’s motion in light of the standards set forth in Grisbrecht v. Barnhart, 535 U.S. 789, 808 (2002). The Court finds that pursuant to the Grisbrecht standards the proposed fee is reasonable and grants the Plaintiff’s motion to approve the fees in the amount of \$3,631.52 and costs in the amount of \$402.00. Full or partial remittance of the EAJA award will be contingent upon a determination by the Government that Plaintiff owes no qualifying, pre-existing debt(s) to the Government. If such a debt(s) exists, the Government will reduce the EAJA award in this Order to the extent necessary to satisfy such debt(s).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph Dawson, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Joseph Dawson, III
United States District Judge

Florence, South Carolina
June 23, 2023